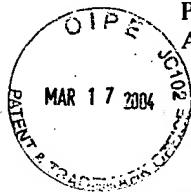


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INVENTION: For: VIGILANCE NUCLEIC ACIDS AND RELATED DIAGNOSTIC, SCREENING AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS					

TO: Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for the Three-Month Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- Terminal Disclaimer with fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.
- No additional claims fee is required.
- An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:
- Notice of Appeal (in duplicate).

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	NUMBER AFTER AMEND- MENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENTED	RATE		FEE	
				SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	2	- 20	- 0	x \$9	\$18	= \$0.00	\$
INDEPEN- DENT CLAIMS	9	- 3	- 6	x \$42	\$84	= \$0.00	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		YES	X NO	\$140	\$280	= \$0.00	\$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE		\$0.00	\$

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Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$1,280.00, \$330.00 which covers the Notice of Appeal fee, and \$950.00 which covers the fee for a three-month extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision mailed September 17, 2003.

1. Appeal fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(b))

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other than small entity	\$330.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	small entity	\$165.00
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	and such status is still proper.	

2. A petition for an extension of time for reply to the rejection is attached.

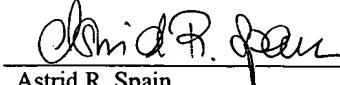
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_____ \$ 55.00 _____ \$210.00 _____ \$475.00 _____ \$740.00

3. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$1,280.00, \$950.00 of which covers the fee for a three-month extension of time and \$330.00 which covers the notice of appeal fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required to file a Notice of Appeal to Deposit Account No. 502624. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: March 17, 2004

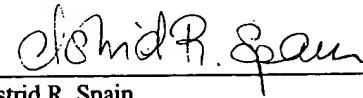

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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 502624 any fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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